

REMARKS

Claims 14 to 16, 18, and 19 are pending. Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 17. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 14 to 16, 18, and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pogge et al. (US Patent No. 6,599,788). The Examiner stated essentially that Pogge teaches all the limitations of claims 14 to 16, 18, and 19.

Claim 14 claims, "A memory device having an accessible source such that device parameters can be determined, comprising: a dimple ground into a back-side of a semiconductor substrate of the device; a trench milled from the bottom portion of the dimple exposing a portion of a vertical trench fill; and a conductive material connecting the vertical trench fill and a buried plate of the device, wherein the conductive material is a layer covering a portion of the back-side of the semiconductor substrate."

Claim 14 includes the limitations of allowable claim 17. Therefore, claim 14 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 15, 16, 18, and 19 depend from claim 14. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for claim 14. Accordingly, the Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, claims 14 to 16, 18, and 19 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons stated. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested. For the forgoing reasons, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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